

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing Of Claims:**

1.-7. (Canceled)

8. (New) A device for ascertaining an occupant position in a vehicle, comprising:  
an arrangement for performing a measurement, as a function of time, of a seat-belt extension.

9. (New) The device as recited in Claim 8, further comprising:  
an arrangement for measuring a belt force as a function of time for ascertaining the occupant position.

10. (New) The device as recited in Claim 8, further comprising:  
an arrangement for detecting a resting position of the occupant by comparing a time characteristic of the belt extension to a pattern.

11. (New) The device as recited in Claim 10, wherein the arrangement for detecting detects the resting position by reducing a belt slack.

12. (New) The device as recited in Claim 8, further comprising:  
an arrangement for coupling to a restraining device in such a manner, that the restraining device is triggered as a function of a signal of the device.

13. (New) The device as recited in Claim 8, wherein for purposes of verification, the device is coupled to at least one other device for determining the occupant position.

14. (New) The device as recited in Claim 8, further comprising:  
an arrangement for determining a belt-extension rate.